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Talking Points re Current Work on Berlin

EXCISE

1. Quadripartite Consultations.

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During intensive consultations participated in by British and French Foreign Office experts Shuckburgh and Laloy, as well as Ambassador Grewe, agreement was reached on a coordinated public information campaign to begin immediately along lines suggested in Mr. Acheson's report. This plan now being considered with view to adoption by all NATO members. Statements by President Kennedy and Secretary in US, by Lord Home and Macmillan in UK, by Adenauer and Brentano in Germany and by de Gaulle in France (including announced recall of French forces from Algeria) are good start on implementation.

Other US action in progress includes:

- (1) Berlin kits. (sample available) Prepared and being distributed to leading members of Congress and Executive Branch officials. Will be kept up-to-date with new documentation.
  - (2) White Paper. Under preparation in State Department. Principal drafting officer Ernest Lindley.
- (b) Reply to Soviet aide-mémoire.

Quadripartite Working Group now meeting in State Department for further negotiations. If quadripartite agreement can be reached without further delay, draft will be reviewed by NATO during coming week with view to delivery in Moscow about July 10.

2. Contingency

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2. Contingency Planning

- (a) Briefing books. Key documents on existing agreed plan are being provided in briefing books to all high government officials concerned, including all present at NSC meeting.
- (b) Tripartite and quadripartite consultations. Preliminary consultations have been held agreeing to general review as soon as individual country views have been completed about end of July. [
- (c) Acheson review and recommendations. As soon as these are given general approval, interdepartmental committee will immediately set up appropriate working groups to prepare US positions for discussion and negotiation with allies (in appropriate cases for immediate or concurrent implementation by US).

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